

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES

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METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES - OTHER TYPES OF CARE OR SERVICES LISTED IN SECTION 1905 (A) OF THE ACT THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM UNDER THE PLAN ARE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

d. Aircraft and Buses

Medically necessary non-emergency transportation provided by commercial aircraft and buses are reimbursed at their usual and customary rate, subject to maximum limitations based on historical costs for such trips.

e. Ambulances

Medically necessary non-emergency ambulance transportation services are reimbursed at rates negotiated between participating providers and the Bureau of Health Services Financing minus the amount which any third party would pay for that provider.

f. Public Transit Services

Effective for dates of service on or after December 20, 2011, the Medicaid Program shall provide reimbursement for non-emergency medical transportation services rendered by public transit providers. Modes of transportation include Standard Buses and Paratransit Services. Standard buses are for riders that require no special assistance. Paratransit Services include the use of a bus or mini-van that will pick the recipient up at the curb and deliver to the curb of the destination. This service is provided for those riders whose disability in some way cannot be accommodated by the equipment on standard buses. Paratransit services are in accordance with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

1. Payments will be made on a per trip basis. The rates for each participating provider are listed below:

Paratransit (rates represent one way fare:

Capital Area Transit System (CATS) - Baton Rouge	35.00
Regional Transit Authority (RTA) - New Orleans	38.00

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Standard Buses (rates represent round-trip fare):

Capital Area Transit System (CATS) - Baton Rouge	3.00
Regional Transit Authority (RTA) - New Orleans	3.00

Rates are based on review of historical financial data by DHH and represent the approximate cost of providing these services.

Exclusions:

Payments shall not be made to public transit providers for NEMT services rendered to Medicaid recipients enrolled in a BAYOU HEALTH prepaid health plan. It is the responsibility of the public transit provider to verify a Medicaid recipient's eligibility status and to determine whether the recipient is enrolled in a BAYOU HEALTH prepaid health plan.

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